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Office Action Summary	09/379,092		MOULI, CHANDRA V.					
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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address Period for Reply								
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).  Status								
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23,	April 2001 .							
2a)⊠ This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b)□ Th	nis action is non-fin	al.						
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.								
Disposition of Claims								
4) Claim(s) <u>1-3, 5-17, 19-45</u> is/are pending in the	e application.							
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>8-17, 19-26, 28-32, 3</u>	<u>34 and 40-45</u> is/are	withdrawn fron	n consideration.					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.								
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-3, 5-7, 33, and 35-39</u> is/are rejected.								
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.							
8) Claims are subject to restriction and/o	r election requirem	ent.						
Application Papers								
9) The specification is objected to by the Examin	er.							
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are objected	to by the Examine							
11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.								
12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.								
Priority under 35 U.S.C. \$ 119								
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign	n priority under 35	U.S.C. <b>§</b> 119(a)	-(d) or (f).					
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:		· · · · · · ·	· / · /					
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.								
2. Certified copies of the priority document	on No							
Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.								
14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).								
Attachment(s)								
15) 🛛 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	18) 🗍	Interview Summan	, (PTO-413) Paper N	lo(e)				
16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	19) 🔲		Patent Application (P					

## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4-23-01 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that, for claims 1-3, 5-7, 33 and 35-39, Hong produces a structure that has the effects expected from crystallographic damage. However, Hong is silent on what produces the oxidation enhancement by implanting dopant species into the substrate. Therefore it is not disclosed whether it is crystallographic damage or reaction rate due to the dopant species that is causing the oxidation enhancement.

Also, the examiner cites Batra et al. (US 6,127,242) column 2, lines 58-67, discloses implanting oxygen as an oxidation enhancement and applicant states, in paper no. 8, page 3, final paragraph, that the oxidation enhancing effects of argon are known, these references are cited as pursuant to the rules when the official notice is taken. Therefore one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize argon or oxygen as art equivalent dopant used to form oxygen enhanced regions.

The previous rejections stand.

## Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wolf et al. ("Silicon Processing for VLSI Era Vol. 1", 1986, pages 213-215) discloses dopant effects on oxidation growth rates.

3. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ron E Pompey whose telephone number is (703) 305-3016. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-hour days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Niebling can be reached on (703) 308-3325. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3432 for regular communications and (703) 305-3432 for After Final communications.

Ron Pomply

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